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Interference

1. Claims 1 and 33 of this application have apparently been copied from a U.S. patent without being suggested by the examiner. The patent number and the number of the copied claims have not been properly identified. 37 CFR 1.607(c).

Applicant is required to identify the patent and claim numbers and supply information explaining why a complete identification of the copied patent claim(s) has not been presented. Following applicant's reply to this requirement or the abandonment thereof, this application will

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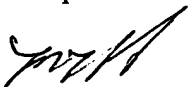
be forwarded by the examiner to the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for appropriate review as noted under 37 CFR 1.607(c).

Also, Claims 2-32 and 34-40 have been presented with at least one claim substantially corresponding to the proposed counts (I and II), however, applicant must explain why each of these claims correspond to the proposed counts. 37 CFR 1.607(a)(4).

Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication for reply to avoid abandonment of this application.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (703)305-0189. The examiner can be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, A. L. Wellington, can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703)305-3579. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 3700 receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148.



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